EVENING STAR.

WASHINGTON:

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1858.

Popular Lectures.

One of our exchanges says that lecturing appears to be highly popular at the present time. Many noted personages have been engaged, during the past winter, in delivering discourses upon various topics-the most prominent of whom are Meagher, the exiled Irish patriot; Thackeray, the English novelist; Alfred Bunn, the manager for many years of Drury Line Theatre; Riymond, the editor of the New York Times: Whipple, the essayist: Park Benjamin, formerly editor of the New World; and Saxe and Holmes, the comic poets. All of these gentlemen have everwhere attracted large audiences. We are pleased to notice this evidence of correct popular taste, and trust that a love for intellectual entertain ments will soon pervade our whole people, as nothing more clearly indicates the true character of a nation than the amount of encouragement it bestows upon amusements calculated to improve the mental faculties. We hope, for the reputation of our people, that the day is not far distant when the "learned pig" and "fat girl" exhibition, now so much in vogue, will be superseded permanently in popularity by entertainments of an intellectual, instructive, and at the same time pleasurable character; and this hope we have no doubt all friends of national mental progression will concur.

It is added that Oliver Wendell Holmes, the poet, has delivered seventy-one lectures the past winter, which, at \$50 each—about the usual price-would give him the snug sum of \$3,550.

We are inclined to think the amount paid Dr. Holmes is overstated, although the number of lectures delivered may be given about right. We suspect that in most cases the largest sums paid had been \$20 instead of \$50. This would make quite a difference in the aggregate receipts. But it is pleasant to see literature thus encouraged in our country, rather than humbug and nonsense. The intelligent people of America are all right.

The Gardiner Trial.

On the opening of the Court to-day, Mr. Evans was recalled by the prosecution, and testified in relation to certain papers and books which were handed to him, said books and papers were before the Commission in support of the claim. There was a proposition made by Gardiner's counsel that his claim should be acted upon as early as possible, and put in such as forwardness as to enable Gardiner to borrow money on the faith of it; the Commission were satisfied with the proofs presented.

Workingmen's Meeting .- Quite a large meeting of the mechanics of this city as sembled at Temperance Hall last night. We learn that is the intention to form an asso ciation to be denominated the "Washington Association," which is contemplated to unite the different branches of business-the employer as well as the employee. Some able addresses were made and the meeting adjourned to meet again next week to receive a report from the committee appointed to draft a constitution.

LABOR MOVEMENTS .- The journeymen Shoe Makers of Cleveland, met on Tuesday evening at the Mechanic's Block to take into consideration the propriety of establish ing uniform rate of wages. Meeting adjourned to next Monday night.

The association of working Carpenters of Allegheny city, are demanding and advance of 20 percent upon their wages.

At a meeting of the Bricklayers' Union of the same place on Friday week, it was announced that 36 employers had agreed to give the advance from the first of April. It was resolved, that we demand of all employers an advance of fifty cents per day on the wages which have been paid to journeymen Bricklayers, previous to the 1st day of April, 1853.

The Carpenters of New York are holding crowded meetings. A considerable number of shops have paid the advance.

We received this morning the Illustroted News for March 26 It is an excellent paper.

What have Mechanics' Done ! Handreds have asked "what can the machanic do ?" What great work has he accomplished ?

The mechanics throughout our Union have long since displayed their ingenuity and wonderful talent before the public eye, and who has not admired, who has not examined their handiwork and exclaimed this is the production of our own mechanics!-Oh, I know that some have observed with a jealous eye, the manipulations of our workmen and have striven to lessen the value of certain articles of manufacture, but to no purpose for the man who wields the hammer or handles the file cares not, if he be a mechanic, for the many who sueer at him.

What have mechanic's done? I could if circumstances allowed me show many great things or speak of various articles which have been brought to perfection by this noble class of men. It were useless, however, to discribe more than a few of many improvements made by them in the various branches of the machine department. I might allude to the steam engine that has been brought to a great degree of perfection, also, the large slide lather that have also undergone the mechanic's inspection and been improved; but these are common thing only look at the great mass of machinery throughout our Union, witness the improvements therein, and the mind can form some idea of what the mechanic has done. It has been said by those whose wis lom, prehaps, is at a low ebb, that the mechanics' has too much freedom, too much power; that he acknowledges no superior and boasts of his many abilities, fearing no

Who ever heard of such nonsense-a mechanic having too much power, would to God they had more for they need it; as to their acknowledging no superlative power, I can say that he who is a mechanic need not fear the taunts or sneers of a pretended superior. at more not could be a little

work his way through the world although obstructions may thrust themselves in his path, and that man who fails in his business does not understand it or loses his love for work and cares not if he swim or drown. The mechanic must and will succeed. Long have they striven to claim their just award to merit. For many years have they been oppressed by the powerful, but times must change. The mechanic sees through the darkness that has hitherto beclouded his path-his eyes sparkle with the light or hope and his bosom is filled with joyful emotions, and why?

The hour is approaching when they must have the power; too long have they borne the heel of the oppressor, and their cry has been heard by the mass of their fellow workmen throughout our republic.

I say that they must have power enough to obtain justice. Then onward, ye noble men, whose hands have carved out brilliant ing the Bin are respectfully requested to ap, ear in monuments that shall last when your daystars shall have sunk in the horizon of mor tality; onward, and feur not. He who formed the greatest potentate of earth, also made you; justice ere long you shall have; that which has been accomplished is but small, much remains to be done-then let not your zeal languish; the sun of prosperity is rising upon you-oh! that it soon may shed its meridian splendor upon each head and smile upon your efforts for success.

[Communicated.]

WASHINGTON, March 24, 1853. I am deeply gratified in according my humble testimony in support of the applica tion of Nathan Hammond, esq., of this District, which I have seen, for the appointmen of Mail Agent, under the present government. As a democrat, his unflinching integrity is untarnished. As a devoted friend to the administration of General, Pierce, I believe there is no truer or more sterling citizen in this district. His general qualifications are well presented through an array of recommendations from men of high talents, character, and standing in this community. I claim the privilege of adding my 'small mite' in my legitimate sphere, and am proud to be enabled to endorse all that has been said of him by his numerous friends. The Post naster General will have no agent of higher capabilities.

A CONGRESSIONAL REPORTER.

GEORGETOWN, March 23, 1853. Mr. EDITOR : Permit a subscriber to inquire through the medium of your brilliant little Star if there is no remedy that can be applied to break up a great and growing evil which has been gerting worse and worse for the last year or more, viz : the almost daily practice of a parcel of idle and mischievous boys, youths, and sometimes men, from this place and your city, meeting at the Bridge street and Paper Mill bridges, for the purpose of fighting stone battles, to the great annoyance and danger of the passers by, and those persons whose place of business lies contiguous to them. Here on almost any afternoon these evil doers, to the number of fifty or one hundred, may be found, drawn up in regular battle array, on each side of Rock Creek, pouri g upon each other volleys of vulgar language, horrid onths, and stones.

We have thought, that in as much as the rays of the Sa i, which professes to shine on all the dark places in this hunlred, has never reflected sufficient tight upon this one, to enable the Reporter to discover the evil spoken of and inform our corporate a thorities or induce the Advocate, to plead for relief or magisterial interference, if the twinkling beams of the Eccaing Star, was brought to bear upon it, that the au horities of the two cities, might be induced to send to the place a sufficient force to arrest the evil, and take some of the ring leaders where they would receive gratuitously the benefit of one of Judge Crawford's official

Our water street merchants are preparing for an extensive Spring trude. The Chesa peake and Ohio cand, which is the life spring of the town, is already beginning to pour into our market large quantities of flour, grain, &c , and we have no doubt from the large amount of capital ready to be invested in this branch of trade, and the number of fir seeing and keen scented specula tors engaged in it, that but little, if any of A man who understands his trade can it, will be allowed to slip through their fingers without adding to the handsome little fortunes which several of them realized last season from the single article of flour. We have been cred bly informed that the net profits of one milling establishment in this place, for the last year amounted to the handsome sum of \$50,000.

SPECTATOR.

Last evening, while our paper was on the press, it broke, and the edition was worked off with great difficulty, which accounted for the but appearance it made.

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[Continued.] Mrs. Anna S. Lewis, basket flowers, rank second, gold thimble.

Mrs. Greenough, aged eighty one worsted work, rank third-fruit knife.

Mrs. Causten, lace cape, rank third-

cheese scoop. Miss Bilips, open worsted hose, rank second-pickle fork.

Miss Julia Smith, ladies hose, rank second-pickle fork

Miss Kate Odell, ladies veil, rank thirdspanish fan. Mrs Cole, Baltimore, lambs wool hose,

rank third- mustard spoon. Mrs H wk, toilet cover, rank third-salt

spoons. Mrs. Young, satchel in satin, rank third,

salt spo ins. Mrs. Burkwalter, infant's shoes, rank

third-mustard spoon. Mrs. A. E. Ward, rug, rank third-cuff

Mrs. J. Y. Bryan, mat, rank third-cuff

Mrs. Falconer, bonnets rank third-cuff pins.

Mrs. Hubble, bonnets, rank third-but ter knives.

Miss Chappell, bonnets, rank third-cuff pins.

Miss Haney, bonnets, rank third-cuff Miss Haney, reticule, tamarind seeds,

rank third-mustard spoon Two Indian children, piano cover, in quills, rank second-each a pair of brace-

lets. Miss S. White, plano cover, rank firstpearl card case.

The Last Supper, worsted, Miss Wise, rank second—gold thimble.

Wreath of flowers, worsted, Miss Plant, eleven years of age, rank second-cuff pins.

Mathematical problems, Miss Conner-

Miss E. Williams, Baltimere, velvet, silk, and satin gaiters, Jeff rson shoes, and cork soleed griters, manufactured by S. W. William -- medal.

Mrs. C. S. Lemon, mattrass ticks, rank second-butter knife.

Mrs. Benj. Beall, si k quilt, rank firsttwo waiters. Mrs. Cooley, silk quilt, rank second-

gravy ladle. Mrs. R. Hall, silk quilt, rank third-but-

Mrs. Dr Mackall, silk quilt, rank third-

silver port monnaie. Mrs. W. B Todd, silk quilt, rank third-

butter knife. Mrs. Jones, colored cotton quilts, rank

first-perforated sugar ladle. Mrs. E Clarke, colored cotton quilts, rank second-cream spoons.

Mrs. Kerr, colored cotton quilts, rank third-butter knife.

Miss Leake, co'ored cotton quilts, rank third-pearl porte monuaie. Mrs Entwisle, colored cotton quilts, rank

third-pearl porte monnaie. Mrs. H. M Weaver, colored cotton quilts rank third-cream spoon.

Mrs. Jacob Weaver, colored cotton quits. rank third-port monnaie.

Miss R. S. Weaver, colored cotton quilts, rank third-butter knife.

Niss E. Hamilton, colored cotton quilts. rank third-bead purse.

Mrs. A E. Goddard, colored cotton quilts, rank third-ivory-handled pen.

Miss L. Harper, white cotton quilt, rank second-pearl porte mounaie.

Miss S. Dawson, white cotton quilt, rank sec.nd-g dd thimble.

Miss Martha Scott, white cotton quilt, rank second—gold thimble.

Lady, (75 years old) pink lined quilt, rank second-half-dozen tenspoons.

Mrs. Larnel, white cotton quilt, rank second-cream ladle. Mrs. A. English, white cotton quilt, rank

second-preserve spoon. Mrs. McKuight, (aged 73) white cot on quilt, rank second-half-dozen teas rooms.

Miss Mary Roberts, tidy, rank first-gold pencil case.

Mrs. Henderson, tidy, rank second-silver fruit knife. Miss Bannack, tid; , rank second-span-

ish fan. Miss Read, tidy, rank second, fruit knife

Miss Mary J. Ciements, tidy, rank second, porte monnaie. Mrs. Ashburn, tidy, rank second-porte

Miss Burr, tidy, rank second, porte mon-

Miss Janney, tidy, rank second-porte

Mrs. Themas Hewitt, pine burr work rank first-pair salt spoons.

Mrs. E Pollard, colored cotton quilt, rank third-bend purse.

Mrs Thomas Berry, colored cotton quilt, rank third-bead purse. Miss M. Folsom, c lored cotton quilt, quality, suitable for grates or stores. rank third-ivory handled pen.

[TO BE CONSLINUED.]

Appointments by the President, By and w th the advice un a consent of the Senute.

CONSULS. William Henry Vesey, of Pennsylvania, at Havre, in France, in place of Lorenz,

John F. Bacon, of New York, at Nassau. in the island of New Providence, in place of

Timothy Darling. Henry C. Dewey, of Penesylvania, at Para, Brazil.

Amos S. York, for the island of Zante. JUDGES.

John A. Campbell, of Alabama, to be an associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, in place of John McKin-

Edward Lander, of Indiana, to be chief justice for the Territory of Washington.

John K. Miller, of Ohio, to be an asso. ciate justice for the Territory of Washing.

Victor Monroe, of Kentucky, to be an associate justice for the Territory of Wash MARSHALS.

William M. Lowry, for the eastern district of Tennessee, in place of J. l'arsons.

Watson Freeman, for the district of Mas. sachusetts, in place of Charles Devets, jr. Westley Frost, for the western district of

J. Patton And reor, of Mississippi, to be marshal for the Territory of Washington. ATTORNEYS.

Pennsylvania, in place of John Dickey.

Fleming B Miller, for the western district of Virginia, in place of B. H. Smith. J. C. Ramsey, for the eastern district of

Tennesser, in place of Samuel K. Rogers. JUSTICES OF THE PEACE. C. H. Wiltberger, J. M. Wright, E. H.

Bates, J. mes Lawrenson, Henry Naylor, Joshua Pierce. J.bn L. Smith, Samuel Smoot, James Crandell, to be justices of the peace for the District of Columbia. POSTMASTERS.

Selah R. Hobbie, to be First Assistant Postma ter General, in place of S. D. Ja-

Henry Sanderson, at New Brunswick, New Jersey, in place of Samuel C. Cock. Benjemin Johnson, at Austin, in the county of Travis, State of Texas. John G. Maier, at Fort Wayne, Allen

county, Indiana, in place of Samuel Stoph I-nac Cook, at Chicago, Cook county I.1.

in place of George W. Dole. COLLECTORS OF THE CUSTOMS.

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